

Our Common Home: An Ethical Summons to Tackle Climate Change

**Thursday, Oct 1, 2015 “Making Change”
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Fair– *Climate Change: What Can I Do?*
Organizations**

SERVICE

The PULSE Program for Service Learning, <https://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/pulse.html>: The PULSE Program at Boston College educates students about social injustice by putting them into direct contact with marginalized populations and social change organizations, and by encouraging discussion on classic and contemporary works of philosophy and theology.

Faith, Peace, and Justice Program, <http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/fpj/about.html>: The Faith, Peace and Justice minor offers students the opportunity to explore, in an interdisciplinary manner, how their own serious questions about faith, peace and justice are related to concrete work for peace and justice in our world.

Office of Sustainability, <http://www.bc.edu/offices/sustainability/>: a hub for the many green initiatives on campus. Its successful efforts are a result of the shared commitment among individuals and groups across the BC community through the formation of these partnerships, BC works toward advancing a more sustainable campus. The Office is involved in such activities as promoting Single Stream recycling, energy conservation, raising greater awareness of the impact of climate change on our world, collaborating with faculty on student projects exploring ways to improve sustainability practices on campus, tracking greenhouse gas emissions and planning for long term sustainable growth.

Boston College Dining Services, <http://www.bc.edu/offices/dining.html>: BC Dining strives to provide the very best in food, attitude, customer service, and teamwork. This dedication to excellence leads BC Dining to work alongside local vendors, farms, and manufacturers to provide nutritional food selections, establish sustainable eateries on campus, make strides in recycling and composting through strategic partnerships and initiatives, all while working alongside various local nonprofits to provide nourishment for those in our communities. [Every Bite Counts](#) is an undergraduate BC volunteer program to minimize food waste and help those in need.

Center for Reflection, Education and Action (CREA, <http://www.crea.org/>): a faith based social economic research and education center, located in Hartford, CT. Working in many parts of the world, CREA works on sustainable communities, sustainable living wage, fair trade – peace trade, corporate responsibility including product development, supply chains focusing on human rights and labor rights and community impact, and systemic analysis.

Answering the Call: An Interfaith gathering for Climate Action (<http://tbewellesley.org/Climate>). Inspired by the Pope’s encyclical, members of Greater Boston congregations and faith

organizations are gathering on October 12 to share messages of hope, inspiration, and action for healing our world. [Father Bryan Hehir](#) will be the keynote speaker. This gathering will launch an interfaith effort to help create a clean energy future in Massachusetts.

ADVOCACY

Catholic Climate Covenant, <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> : supports and complements the ecological work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The Covenant works to implement Catholic climate change teaching through action, education and advocacy, and is advised by a steering committee of fourteen national Catholic organizations (e.g., USCCB, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA)

CERES, <http://www.ceres.org/> : Our mission is to mobilize investor and business leadership to build a thriving, sustainable global economy. To accomplish our goals, we work with leading companies, investors, public interest groups, policymakers and other economic players to advance sustainable solutions that will reduce carbon emissions and other pollutants, protect vital natural resources like water supplies, ensure safe and just working conditions for employees and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels while transitioning to a clean energy economy

Massachusetts Sierra Club, <http://sierraclubmass.org/wp/> : A volunteer led and driven organization that educates and enlists individuals to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment here in the Commonwealth. From office work to lobbying to research to marching, no matter your interests and talents, we can find a meaningful way for you to engage in our work to promote a clean energy future.

Real Food, <http://www.bc.edu/clubs/realfood/> : The campus chapter of the national Real Food Challenge, and organization dedicated to bringing more local, sustainable, and Fair Trade foods (Real Foods) into BC dining. We seek to have 20% of the food in BC dining shifted to Real Food by 2020, which we work towards through a variety of activities such as working with Dining Services on sourcing, cooking classes, the Boston College Community Garden, and educational speakers & field trips.

EcoPledge, <https://orgsync.com/42305/chapter> : is a student-led organization that works towards making Boston College a more sustainable campus through events that educate and bring public awareness to the community. Ecopledge runs campus-wide campaigns to promote conservation initiatives, such as waste reduction and alternative resources.

The Global Catholic Climate Movement, <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/>: A community of thousands of Catholics around the world responding to the Pope's call to action on climate change. GCCM actively encourages the renewal of our relationship with God's creation through education, advocacy, and the promotion of our own ecological conversion.

Climate Justice at Boston College, <http://climatejusticebc.com/>: A student group that empowers BC and other universities to take bold action on climate including divestment from the fossil fuel industry; educates students and community members on the dangers of climate change and

how they can be agents for change; unites with the local and national climate movement to strengthen social and political support for climate justice.

Boston College Alums for Climate Justice (BCACJ) <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Boston-College-Alumni-for-Divestment/890098507719442>

BCACJ is an advocacy group focused on influencing Boston College to take a leadership position in taking decisive action regarding the global climate change crisis. Specifically, we want Boston College to join the colleges, universities, not-for-profits, municipalities, and faith-based organization who have decided to divest holdings in the top 200 fossil fuel industries from their investment portfolios.

EDUCATION

Greener Lib, <http://www.bc.edu/libraries/about/news/green.html>: A group of BC Libraries staff members who have chosen to work together on recycling, education and advocacy initiatives with the goal of making the BC Libraries a “greener” place, and its staff more aware of sustainable choices in their work and individual lives.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) University, <http://university.crs.org/>: Engages students, faculty, and staff in tangible acts of solidarity to build a more just and peaceful world. Boston College CRS Student Ambassadors, <http://university.crs.org/students>, are part of a national community of students committed to advancing global justice, peace, and human dignity. Student leaders engage our campus in learning about and acting on global emergencies and injustices through awareness campaigns, legislative advocacy, emergency response, and the promotion of Catholic Social Teaching. CRS Faculty Learning Commons, <http://university.crs.org/faculty>, is an online learning community and curricular resource that highlights the latest strategies for global relief and development with special emphasis on the application of CRS’ justice lens and opportunities for building global solidarity.

Boston College Bookstore: The bookstore will have available for purchase books authored by the keynote speakers and others on climate change, environmental ethics, theology, social justice and more.

Environmental Studies Program, <https://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/envstudies.html>: An interdisciplinary program at BC that offers a minor and major in the College of Arts and Sciences, involving students and faculty throughout the University. The Environmental Studies Program provides students with an understanding of the issues facing our planet as we strive to develop paths toward a sustainable future, from perspectives in the social and natural sciences, arts, and the humanities.

Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, <https://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/geo.html>: A department at Boston College that explores the way the Earth works and the processes that shape our evolving planet. Research opportunities are available for students to work with EESC faculty studying the Earth’s complex systems and the interrelations among the solid earth, the hydrosphere, the biosphere, and the atmosphere. Students learn to be scientifically literate

citizens of planet Earth, well prepared to address the challenges and opportunities of maintaining a habitable planet for future generations.

CAREER

Career Center, <http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/>: The Boston College Career Center empowers students to reflect on their talents and experiences, explore their career options and achieve their career goals. By working directly with students and collaborating with a broad array of partners, communities and networks, our team facilitates programs, activities and services that enable students to take ownership of their career decisions and lead meaningful professional lives.

BCEEAN, <http://bcalumni.bc.edu/s/1627/index02.aspx?sid=1627&gid=1&pgid=491>: Boston College Energy & Environment Alumni Network was formed in 2009 to provide networking and career opportunities for alumni interested in energy and environment, serve as a resource for BC students, faculty, administrators, and alumni, and enhance Boston College's contribution to creating a sustainable environment and economy. Alumni from a wide range of business and non-profit organizations including [Environmental League of Massachusetts](#), [Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light](#), [Connecticut Fund for the Environment](#), [SunEdison](#), and [Synapse Energy Economics, Inc.](#), will be available for career advice.